

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-25 are pending in this application. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Office Action indicates that claims 2-12, 15-21 and 23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the recitations of claim 2 have been incorporated into claim 1; therefore, claim 1 is allowable. Claims 3-23 are therefore likewise allowable for at least the reason that they depend, directly or indirectly, on claim 1.


Independent claims 24 and 25 have also been amended to include the recitations of claim 2. Since claims 24 and 25 include substantially the same recitations as claim 1, in "means" and method form respectively, claims 24 and 25 are likewise rendered allowable by the amendment.

In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition. Withdrawal of all rejections and objections, favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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